

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed May 4, 2004, has been received and reviewed. Claims 8 through 11, 15 through 18, 21 through 23, 27 through 32, and 34 through 38 are currently pending in the application. Claims 8, 9, 15 through 18, 21 through 23, 27 through 32, and 34 through 38 stand rejected. Claims 10 and 11 are allowed. Applicants have amended claims 15, 18, 21-23, 27, 29-32, and 34-38, and have added claims 46 and 47. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application as amended herein.

Information Disclosure Statement(s)

Applicants note the filing of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement herein on November 14, 2003. Although the Office Action Summary (Form PTOL-326) indicates that the PTO-1449 was attached, no copy of the PTO/SB/08 was returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicants respectfully request that the information cited on the PTO-1449 be made of record herein.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Obviousness Rejections

Obviousness Rejection Based on U.S. Patent No. 4,376,118 to Daher et al.

Claims 8, 9, 15 through 18, 21 through 23, 27 through 32, and 34 through 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daher et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,376,118). Applicants have amended claims 15, 18, 21-23, 27, 29-32, and 34-38 to include specific recitation of the polymer, surfactant and solvent recited in allowable claims 10 and 11, as requested by Examiner in the Interview Summary date April 28, 2004. New claims 46 and 47 likewise include specific recitation of the polymer, surfactant and solvent recited in allowable claims 10 and 11. In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that the rejections based on obviousness are moot. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS

The amendments to claims 15, 18, 21-23, 27, 29-32, and 34-38 above, and new claims 46 and 47, should be entered by the Examiner because the amendments are supported by the as-filed specification and drawings and do not add any new matter to the application.

CONCLUSION

Claims 15, 18, 21-23, 27, 29-32, 34-38, 46 and 47 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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